

May 11, 2009

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
PRESS RELEASE

Criminal Justice Act Panel

The Committee on Defender Services for the Southern District of New York announced that it will be accepting applications for positions on the District's Criminal Justice Act Panel.

The qualifications of attorneys applying for service on the Panel will be examined by the CJA Panel Review Committee of attorneys, who will make recommendations for the approval of the best qualified applicants to the Defender Services Committee of the Court. Only attorneys with experience and proven competency in the field of criminal defense work and admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York will be selected to serve on the Panel. The Court is interested in increasing the diversity of the applicant pool and encourages qualified women and minority lawyers to submit their applications.

Attorneys chosen for the Panel serve for a three-year term. Each attorney is assigned a duty day of his or her own choosing every four to six months and is committed to represent clients on that day where the Federal Defender has a conflict. If additional attorneys are needed on a given day, other CJA attorneys on duty that week are called. Hours on duty are from 9:00 a.m. until the closing of the Magistrate Judge's Office, which is sometimes after 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Panel are reimbursed at the rate of \$110/hour for in and out-of-court time. Membership on the Panel is a service to both the Court and to the community.

Applicants can also apply for membership on the panels that represent defendants in capital cases and that represent defendants in non-trial work, primarily habeas corpus proceedings.

Applications for membership on the Panel are available from the CJA Clerk, Tracy Rubino, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 520, New York, NY, (212) 805-0640, or by downloading the application from the Court's Web site at [www.nysd.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov). Completed applications should be submitted to Leonard F. Joy, Esq., Federal Defenders of New York, Inc, 52 Duane Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1207.

Inquiries about the Panel can be made to Panel members Winston Lee, 212-267-1911; Peter Quijano, 212-686-0666; Anthony Ricco, 212- 791-3919; and Bobbi Sternheim, 212-697-4090.

The Court also has a mentoring program designed to help identify and prepare experienced state practitioners for appointment to the Panel. While the program's primary objective is to improve the diversity of the Panel, the program is open to all who might benefit. Inquiries about the mentoring program can be made to Mr. Quijano and Mr. Ricco.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 30, 2009.

Application for: Manhattan \_\_\_\_\_

White Plains \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE PANEL OF ATTORNEYS UNDER  
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT OF 1964  
PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OF THE JUDGES  
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

(Please print or type)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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1. In the space below, provide a chronological resume, starting with college and law school and then listing each employer. For this or any following question, if you need more space you may attach additional sheets.

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2. Provide dates of admission to each court of which you are a member of the bar:

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3. Have you previously applied for appointment to this panel? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, list the date of each application, and the name of any persons who interviewed you:

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4. Have you previously served on this panel? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, list the dates of your service:

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List, in reverse chronological order, the names of the most recent 15 defendants to whom you were assigned in the Southern District, including case number, the name and current telephone number of the Assistant United States Attorney in each case and the name of the presiding judge. [Specify on additional sheet(s).]

5. Have you ever refused to accept an assignment? If so, please give the number of times and explain the circumstances:

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6. Have you previously served on any other panel for assigned defense lawyers (such as the CJA Panel for the EDNY, or the New York 18-B Panel, or the Appellate Division's Panel for Homicide Cases)? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, list each panel and the dates of your service. If no longer on the panel, please explain:

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7. Have you ever been relieved from an assigned defendant in any case for any reason other than his/her retaining a private attorney where, subsequently, ineffectiveness of counsel was raised on appeal, motion for a new trial or writ of habeas corpus? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars, including defendant's name, case number, name and current number of the AUSA, substituting attorney and judge:

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8. Has your application to any panel ever been turned down? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars, including panel and year of application. If interviewed, please include name and current telephone number of interviewer:

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9. Have you ever been removed from, or not renewed on, any panel? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars, including panel, year of removal or non-renewal, and reasons given:

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10. List, in reverse chronological order, the 10 most recent criminal trials in which you participated, and provide the following information for each case: year, court, case number, judge w/current chambers telephone number, prosecutor w/current telephone number and defendant's name. Please indicate whether each trial was a jury or bench trial, whether the case involved felony or misdemeanor charges, the length of trial, and whether the trial went to verdict. State what your role was in each trial (lead counsel, second seat) and give the names of other lawyers who participated in the defense of your client. In multiple defendant cases, please include name and current telephone number(s) of co-counsel. [Specify on additional sheet(s).]

11. List in reverse chronological order the 5 most recent appeals you have handled, including case name, court and citation. Please indicate whether you wrote the brief and whether you argued the appeal:

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12. Have you asked to be relieved from handling an appeal, or had the appeal briefed and argued by another person while remaining counsel of record (assigned cases only)? If so, please give the particulars:

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13. Do you speak any foreign languages? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars:

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14. List any other legal experience which you feel would be helpful in evaluating your competence to serve on this panel (for example: civil trials, civil or criminal appeals, criminal cases involving pre-trial or post-trial representation, publications, etc.). Include, where appropriate, the names and telephone numbers of adversaries, co-counsel or judges:

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15. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please give particulars:

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16. Have you ever been held in contempt or been the subject of a contempt proceeding? If so, please give the particulars:

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17. Have you ever been the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please give the particulars, including the jurisdiction and whether the proceeding progressed beyond a request for a response to a complaint. If the proceeding is still pending, please provide details:

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18. Have you ever been investigated by any court-appointed person or committee with respect to any question of ethics? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please give the particulars:

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19. Would you also be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in capital cases? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please state any particular qualifications that you have to provide representation for a defendant in a case where there is the possibility that the death penalty may be imposed:

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20. Would you also be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in non-trial type matters, particularly exceptional habeas corpus proceedings? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please state any particular qualifications that you have including past representation in habeas cases, civil or criminal appeals, publications, etc.:

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